



# Sark Electricity Ltd

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5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Mrs Bougourd

Further to our correspondence of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 and also to your press release dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022. You will, we trust, be aware that Chief Pleas has yet to respond specifically to our requests. We reiterate:

1. Will Chief Pleas issue the necessary permissions to allow SEL to plan for works to replace the cable approaching, and crossing, Le Coupe. In stages if you require?
2. Will Chief Pleas provide the necessary wayleaves to allow such vital infrastructure to be installed?

Asking for permission from the Douzaine to replace Le Coupe cable is not unreasonable, neither is asking Chief Pleas for a wayleave to give it the legal rights to be there.

We clearly recognise now the significant limitations that the structural stability of Le Coupe will place upon those works. It appears to SEL that there was a genuine intent to mislead the readership of your press release by failing to disclose your highly significant concerns over Le Coupes stability. Had SEL undertaken the works in the manner you intended, it is not inconceivable that a serious incident may have occurred causing injury to members of SEL's team or indeed the total failure of Le Coupe. Your failure to disclose these significant risks to the company, its staff and to local residents is, to us, yet a further significant issue that simply must be addressed.

The suggestion being circulated around Chief Pleas that "*A compromise solution does not fit my narrative*" is simply a fiction. While it is true that, in the absence of a response from Chief Pleas, SEL would be left with no alternative but to determine that there is no realistic opportunity for this ageing link to be replaced. It remains our genuine hope that you will reach out. Our overarching need is to be able to consider the impact of further delays and mitigate the overall risks within the framework of permissions extended to us.

You must accept that simply allowing this cable to continue to erode to the point that it has the capacity to become a danger to public health is simply an unacceptable approach for SEL to sanction. Remedial works must be undertaken swiftly. Where the cable is vulnerable to external damage, it must, for the long term, be buried. We are now over 700 days since issues such as this raised their head, and our options continue to be limited by the wiliness of Chief Pleas to engage. However, we urge you to trust that we will explore all practical alternatives if the option to discuss them with you arises. We would remind you of the following from our correspondence of 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

*"We do not wish to disconnect Little Sark from the grid and if formal signed permissions are finally provided, we will maintain connectivity throughout the works process. The company ultimately requires comfort that the risk is being managed."*

We urge you to reach out and talk.

Regards

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